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Coffee County voters cast ballots in Democratic and Republican primaries

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Only a small percentage of voters weathered the rains of Tuesday, June 1, to cast their ballots in the Democratic and Republican Primary elections.

5,599 ballots were cast throughout the county with 3,367 being Republican and 2,232 being Democratic.

The most highly contested county race was for Coffee County District 2.

Judge as three candidates sought the Republican nomination for November's general election and two candidates went

head to head for the Democratic nomination.

Those casting their vote in the Democratic race gave the nod to John Dowling as he unofficially received 55.14 percent of the vote with 1,024 votes. His opponent Judge Rowe Thompson received 833 votes (44.86 percent).

The Republican nomination for Coffee County District Judge found three individuals vying for the spot.

Receiving 47.61 percent of the votes with 1,542 votes was Paul Sherling. He was closely followed by Shannon R. Clark at 33.93 percent with 1,099 votes. Rick Hollingsworth Jr. received 598 (18.46 percent).

Sherling and Clark will meet again in the run-off election

Tuesday, June 29, to decide which candidate will receive the Republican nomination for the November general election.

Two Coffee County Commission spots were contested in the Primary election.

For Coffee County Commission, District 1, incumbent Democrat Linda Westbrook was challenged by Larry Fuller.

Westbrook again received the nomination for Commissioner as she received 58.02 percent of the vote Tuesday with 398 votes. Fuller received 288 votes or 41.98 percent of the vote.

Westbrook has no Republican opposition for November's general election.

The other commission race was that of Coffee County Commissioner, District 2.

This was a three person race for the Republican Primary with between Jessie Weeks and Steve K. Dewberry.

On Tuesday, Weeks received the most votes with 263 (41.48 percent).

Lewis trailed by only 13 votes with 250 (39.43 percent), and Dewberry received 19.09 percent of the vote with 121 cast in his favor.

Weeks and Lewis also will meet in a run-off election Tuesday, June 29, to decide which candidate will receive the Republican nomination to meet Democratic candidate Joe Green in the general election.

The totals presented Tuesday evening reflected unofficial results with the provisional votes still to be counted next week by the Board of Registrars; however, officials

said the provisional votes should not effect the overall outcome of any race.

REMINDER

The primary run-off elections will be held Tuesday, June 29th.

The General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Elba School Board names football coach in special called meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School board met in special session last Thursday evening and named a new football coach and increased the allotted travel reimbursement allowance for teachers and support staff driving their personal vehicles on official school business.

Board Chairman Valarie McGuire presided as Scott Rials was named unanimously to the head coaching position. He will begin his duties within the next few weeks.

A more detailed story of the 41 year old Rials, who is a certi-

fied physical education teacher, being named to the position can be found in the sports section of the paper.

Superintendent Danny Weeks said there were several rumors circulating around Elba about potential coaches for Elba. He continued with, "even though there were about 50 applicants, several of those rumored being considered for the job never actually applied."

The travel reimbursement rate was increased to 35¢ per mile. Weeks explained that most of these funds will come from Professional Development funds.

Joe Cassidy Jr. enters county's District Judge race as Independent candidate

Enterprise Attorney, Joe Cassidy, Jr., has announced his candidacy for the Office of District Judge in Coffee County by seeking this position. I have always questioned why Judicial Candidates run for office under party banners, because party politics have no place in the Courtroom. Judicial officers are much too important for party politics to decide who holds these offices and for this reason I have chosen to run as an Independent.

If I am elected, I promise to give you a full days work, to be as efficient and as fair as I possibly can and to do everything possible to look out for the best interests of all people who come before the District Court, especially the children of this County who deserve not only protection but also respect. I have worked for many years with County Department of Human Resources throughout Southeast Alabama in collecting child support, and if I am elected, child support collection will be a top priority in the District Court of Coffee County.

Cassidy and his wife, Cindy, a first grade teacher reside in Enterprise. He is the father of 16 year old Calvin Cassidy, 12 year old Georgia Cassidy and 6 year old Clayton Woodham.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 22 years of active, full-time law practice in Enterprise and Coffee County," Cassidy said. "Enterprise and Coffee County have been very good to me, and after prayerful consideration and discussions with family

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Heddy and I drove to Monroeville a couple of weekends ago to see the reenactment of the book and/or movie "To Kill a Mockingbird." The drive was well worth it, those folks do a masterful job. Having read the book and watched the movie starring Gregory Peck, our high expectations were more than fulfilled. So much so that we would go again today. Of course it will be next year tickets they put on the performance again and you need to get tickets that first day they go on sale or get left out. Heddy did sit next to a woman who had found one ticket advertised for sale in a magazine, bought it, flew in from Maryland, and spent three days studying everything about the performance of the play and no person could have gotten more from the production. A number of other Elba folks have seen this play and shared our enjoyment of the whole thing.

Actually yours truly had one of the best seats in the house. They have a custom of "selecting" or summoning 12 men from the ticket buyers (actually they get names from the ticket orders) to serve on the jury. What is actually happening is they are getting twelve more people seated in the room. Anyway it gives these twelve a perfect view of the courtroom scenes plus the faces of the other so called patrons of the arts watching the play unfold. We watched one young lady get mad, smile, nod in agreement, shake her head when ugly statements were made, etc. In other words she was also into the story, a sure sign that we were not the only one enjoying the performance.

Our trip served several purposes. First it was the idea of a school teacher sister from Tallahassee, FL. U.S. little sister and another teacher along with their husbands were met there by our daughter Michele, who lives in nearby Atmore (who by the way had all of our tickets in her purse). Michele knows many of those involved with the annual production and thus we got interesting tidbits of info and chances to talk one-on-one with people we might never have talked with without her introductions.

The high gasoline prices in Elba are actually lower than in some of the same brand stations in other places in South Alabama! This is surely consooling to local citizens who always enjoy complaining that everything cost more in Elba, especially gasoline.

Voter turn out was predicted to be low for Tuesday's primary election, and that was before it started raining. Look at the results, there are some mighty slim pickings. If we were one of the candidates that had poured out heart and soul into the campaign, only to almost be ignored by the electorate, it would be crying time about now.

It is with a bit of embarrassment, shock, surprise, etc. when we acknowledge that our long time friend, former Governor Don Siegelman, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for being involved in bribery in a state bid deal. Will he be convicted? We don't know about such things, but suspect there will be one or more who are convicted in this matter, especially considering there has already been one conviction in this case that was overturned only because of a technical point. Many Alabama political "experts" were calling Siegelman the front runner for the Democratic nomination in the next governor's race but if this is still hanging out there in two years, things will definitely take a different slant.

Mrs. Albert Martin died this week. Her health had a serious downturn in the last couple of weeks. It was a bit of a stretch to associate her with the Civil War because she wasn't even born during that time. However, she was married to a Civil War veteran, which classified her officially as the last surviving widow of that war. You can read the details in the obit column, but briefly, she will lie in state first at the Little White House of the Confederacy in Montgomery, then at the Elba First Baptist Church. The funeral service will be from the Elba First Baptist Church in the cemetery at New Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Curtis community.



National Security Relay for Life team captains, Glenda Adkinson (left) and Jane Nicholson (right) are shown with the award team received for being the third place team in the 30 members and over category at the recent Coffee County Relay for Life event. National Security's team raised \$4,079.61 - a record for the company!

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National World War II Memorial a reality...Editorial by Congressman Terry Everett

Three years after the U.S. House and Senate gave final approval to the construction of the long-awaited World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the structure is a reality. It was officially dedicated last weekend before a crowd of thousands of veterans and tourists.

Our nation's capital is a city of monuments to America's founding fathers and military heroes. It is hard to visit here and not feel patriotic. Yet for all its shrines to our noblest ideals and freedoms, there has been one obvious void. Although monuments like two Jim's, commemorating a specific World War II battle, have been here for years, Washington, D.C. had no memorial dedicated to the valor and sacrifices of all those who served and fought in World War II.

The numbers are staggering. More than 16 million Americans (including many of our parents and grandparents) donned a military uniform in defense of freedom during the Second World War. At least 400,000 of those patriots literally gave their lives on battlefields on land and at sea so that liberty could persevere against global tyranny. Another 600,000 were injured.

Millions more here on the home front labored in armaments factories and personally did without in order to supply and support the victorious war effort. Certainly such bravery and triumph of the human spirit deserves special tribute, yet for 60 years there was no national memorial to honor those we know as America's "greatest generation."

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 24, 2004, investigated the following incidents: three for criminal mischief, one found property, two for domestic violence, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one theft of property, two for harassment, one failure to appear, one verbal argument, one harassing phone calls, one driving under the influence, one accident, one burglary and one theft.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence, one for failure to appear, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for driving while intoxicated and one for theft of property. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, five for driving with a suspended driver's license, two for not wearing a seat belt, ten for no proof of insurance, fourteen for no insurance, two for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for an expired tag, one for running a stop sign and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1006

In 1993, Congress passed special legislation authorizing the creation of a national World War II Memorial. The Memorial foundation accomplished a great deal. It not only selected a fitting site on the National Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, but came up with a design which pleased a majority of Americans - not an easy task. Furthermore, it managed to raise a staggering \$175 million in private contributions; more

than enough to build the Memorial and maintain it for years to come.

There were many who helped secure funds for the much-needed Memorial - both nationally and in Alabama. One notable fundraising effort was spearheaded in 1999 by Fort Rucker, Alabama Command Sergeant Major Ronald Bedford who walked all the way from Mobile to the National Mall (1,500 miles) generating publicity and contributions along the way. I

had the honor of personally greeting CSM Bedford on behalf of the Congress when he arrived in Washington.

The statue near Memorial is truly a testament to those who secured freedom during the most symbolic event of the 20th Century. Its 56 grand granite pillars, supporting ornate bronze weathervanes, are a field of 4,000 stars and a large fountain, inspire awe and command reverence. An Alabama Company, Allen Architectural Metals of Talladega, had a hand in the construction of the historic monument by providing ornate grille work associated with its impressive fountain as well as floor lettering in the Atlantic and Pacific pavilions.

With aging and ailing World War II veterans dying at a rate of 1,100 a day, it has been estimated that only four million of the total 16 million servicemen and women are still alive today. This monument to their sacrifice is late in coming, but that does not diminish its necessity or power.

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• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays, Community Room in Farm Center Complex, 824-5888

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• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Supt. Office

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• MAMMIE LODGE - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.

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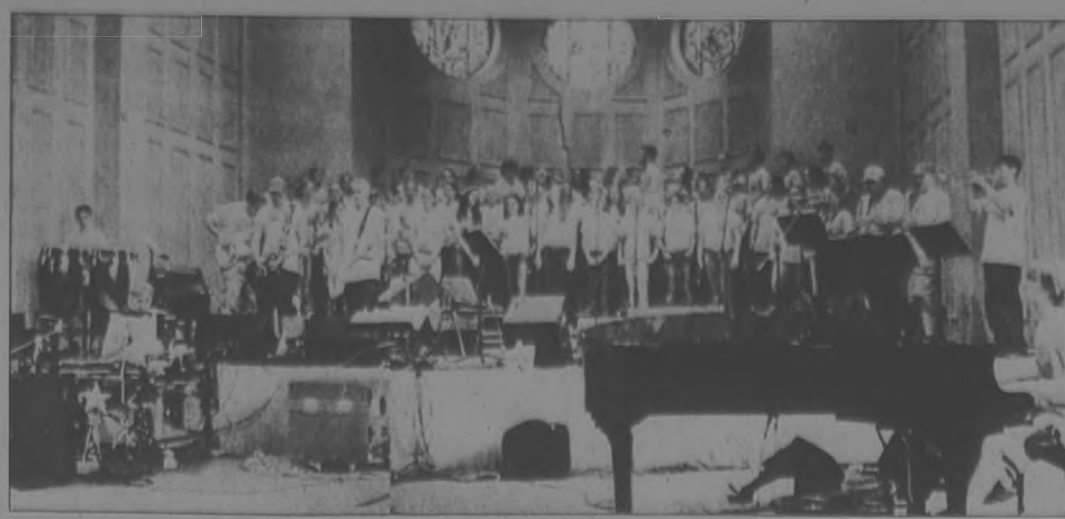
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Elba's Covenant Community Church plans Sonlight Youth Choir Concert

Covenant Community Church will host the Sonlight Youth Choir of Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Fla. during its "Straight On 'Til Morning" summer tour, which will take the group from Quincy, Fla., to Allen, Texas.

Sonlight Youth will be in concert Tuesday, June 15, at the Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. Local church choirs will perform at 7 p.m., and Sonlight will perform at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend, and admission is free.

Directed by DJ Head, Sonlight provides the music for Trinity's main worship service every Sunday with more than 75 voices. All the instrumentalists and soloists are middle and high school students with a dedicated group of teens in leadership rolls, technical support and sound and multimedia production.

The concert will feature the contemporary music of today's youth presented as a vehicle for the message of God's love and the hope He brings. Sonlight performs songs from The Beatles to Evanescence, Nickel Creek and The Police to MXPX, 3 Doors Down and Jewel, bringing spiritual meaning to their words and melody.

Make sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Elba High School Auditorium. For more information, call the church office at 897-2288.



Gardening for the Fun of It...Mr. J.J. Hattaway, age 86, and Mrs. Laddie Hattaway, age 83, are gardening for the fun of it. These two along with almost everyone are very thankful for the rain Coffee County has recently received.

Almost everyone is out gardening, and farmers are out planting or preparing more land for planting cotton or peanuts. Along with gardening almost everyone will soon be out hoeing and weeding after this rain brings up the weeds. Mr. and Mrs. Hattaway already have up snap beans, cucumbers, squash, watermelons, cantaloupe, tomatoes, sweet corn and milking corn. And they are still planting more. They are gardening for the sheer fun of it. The garden gives them good fruit and vegetables to eat, and give to others as well as excellent exercise. Both of them have farmed or gardened all of their lives and just can't get it out of their systems.

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Obituaries

JEAN KEMP CADE

Mrs. Jean Kemp Cade, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died May 28, 2004 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba, Ala.

Graveside services and burial were held May 29, 2004 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The Cade family has requested memorials be made to Whitewater Baptist Church. Mrs. Cade was preceded in death by her father, Elbert L. Kemp, and mother, Tina Kemp. Survivors include four sisters: Myrtle Kemp McCollough, Thelma Thomas and Cicely Marie Henderson, all of Elba; Lucille Kendrick, Vernon, Ala.; two brothers, D. C. Kemp, Elba, and James M. Kemp, Montgomery, Ala.

RONALD GENE SPAINHOWARD

Mr. Ronald Gene Spainhoward, age 41, of Elba, Ala., died May 26, 2004 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Graveside services and burial were held May 28, 2004 at Mt. Gilead Church Cemetery with Reverend Milfred Johnson officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Spainhoward was preceded in death by his father, Aubrey J. Spainhoward.

Survivors include his mother, Jo Ellen Lunsford Spainhoward; one brother, Donald Wayne (Loretta) Spainhoward; and two nephews, all of Elba.

ALBERTA STEWART MARTIN

Mrs. Alberta Stewart Martin, resident of Enterprise Nursing Home and former resident of Elba, Ala., died on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004. She was 97 years old.

Mrs. Martin was born Alberta Stewart, daughter of John and Mattie Walls Stewart, on December 4, 1906, at Dudley's Crossroads, Coffee County, Alabama. Her home church was Elba Deliverance Tabernacle Holiness Church.

Mrs. Martin had the unique distinction of being the last known living widow of a War Between the States veteran. The War Between the States had an estimated 1 million plus Confederate military men and 12 million plus Union military men. Therefore, out of a combined military force of 13 million plus men, Mrs. Martin was

the last known living woman to have been married to a War Between the States veteran. On December 10, 1927, 21-year-old Alberta married 81-year-old William Jasper Martin who was born in 1845 and served in the US Army after serving over 20 years.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 3, 2004 (TODAY) at 11 a.m. with Rev. John Eiland officiating. Visitation was held at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his father, Evan Everett Smith Sr., mother, Mittie Jewel Smith, and brother, Donnie Earl Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Jeanne Smith, Opp, one son, Evan Everett (Cheryl Lynne) Smith III, Wicksburg, AL; two daughters, Teresa Jeanne (William Kent Jr.) Webb, Bentonville, AR; Christy Michelle (James Harold) Johnson, Montgomery, AL; five brothers: Billy Wayne Smith, Raymond Ohron Smith, Jerry Ronald Smith, Ricky Talmadge Smith, all of Jacksonville, FL; Gary Fred Smith, Taylorsville, NC; two sisters: Sandra Dianne Johnson, Linda Charlotte Stevens, both of Jacksonville, FL; and six grandchildren.

EVAN EVERETT SMITH JR.

Mr. Evan Everett "Papa" Smith Jr., age 65, of Opp, Ala., died May 31, 2004 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

Mr. Smith retired as a Major in the US Army after serving over 20 years.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The summer is supposed to be filled with fun and relaxation for the kids as they get the chance to take a break from school, but for our fifteen-year-old the summer months are just as busy as the rest of the year. Melanie plays softball two or three nights a week, has started attending cheerleader meetings, has volleyball camp coming up in a few weeks, and lifeguards at least three days a week to earn some spending money. She does get the chance to relax when she gets home and spends a lot of time curled up in her bed. However, she may very well need a late summer vacation just to recover from summer vacation!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Elba High School ended its long search for a head football coach last week when it named Scott Rials as the new Tiger head coach, and while the name drew a puzzled look from many Tiger fans when they heard who had taken over the football duties, the name is certainly known in the private school ranks. Coach Rials comes to Elba after six years as the head football coach at South Montgomery County Academy, and over the past five years the new Elba head coach led his team to a 45-14 record and two appearances in the state championship game. During that five year span his teams averaged over 375 yards per game in total offense and scored an average of over 33 points per game. While Coach Rials comes to Elba known as an offensive guru, he made it clear to me last week when we talked that he will evaluate his players when he arrives on the job and will then make a decision about what type offense he will use at Elba High. Coach Rials did make it clear that he likes to take whatever the defense gives him, and if that means he needs to spread the field to give his team an advantage, that is what will happen. I have talked with several people about Coach Rials since I heard he was going to get the job here at Elba, and not one person has had anything negative to say. It has been unanimous that while the new coach will bring with him some new ideas, especially on offense, he will also bring with him a tireless dedication to the program and a personality that will win over the players and fans. His name wasn't mentioned until late in the hunt, but Coach Rials is now the head coach at Elba High and we all hope he will be the man that will return Elba to the top in high school football.

I talked with a former Elba Tiger player last week after the word broke that Scott Rials was going to be named the new head football coach and I hope he spoke for all the Tiger fans when he said it was time for all Tiger fans to support the new coach and help him in any way possible to put the Elba High football program back on top. He made sense when he said that even Bear Bryant could not be successful at Elba without the support of the players and all Tiger supporters, and I agreed when he added no coach could win without players and that players could not win without a coach. I know that many Elba citizens backed other choices for head coach and were disappointed when their choices didn't get the job. However, it is time to put that in the past and work with Coach Rials and support his program. Back when the Elba Tigers were the #1 team in the state they also had the #1 booster club in the state and it was a fact that many times people from other towns would call to see just how Elba managed to be so successful, and how they could form a support group that could help make their teams successful. It was a total "TEAM" effort, and that is what it will take now to bring back the glory days at Elba High. That team can't just be made up of coaches and players, it also needs parents, former players and all Elba Tiger supporters to join the team and work hard to turn things around. It will take a total community effort for the Elba Tigers to get back on top. No one coach can be expected to come in and work miracles over night, and the Elba fans need to roll up their sleeves and let Coach Rials know they are willing to help him work to return the Tigers to their place among the elite programs in the state.

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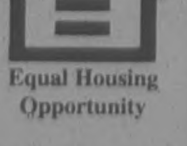
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Elba High chooses Scott Rials as Tigers' new head football coach

Elba High School's five-month search for a head football coach finally came to an end last week when it was announced that Scott Rials, from South Montgomery County Academy, had accepted the position.

Rials had been at S.M.C.A. for the past 10 years, six years as the head football coach, and over the past five years led his team to 45 wins, an average of nine wins per season.

"I wanted to coach at Elba High School because Elba is a football town, and as a football coach I wanted to go to a community where the people were as passionate about the sport as I am," said Rials. "My goal at Elba is to try and get the kids out of the field to put Elba Tiger football back on top. I am convinced Elba is a football town, and I can't wait to get to town and be part of the community. I have always known about Elba High School and its rich tradition in sports, and it is an honor to get the opportunity to become a part of that tradition."

Rials, a graduate of Auburn University, Montgomery, was named the AISA "Coach of the Year" in both 1999 and 2000.

Zion Chapel dominates "Super 12" baseball picks

The Dothan Eagle announced its "Super 12" high school baseball selections last weekend and included among those honored in the small school division were Zion Chapel's Coach John Donaldson and Rebel players Macon Hodge and Josh Smith.

Donaldson, in his third year as the Rebels head coach, led Zion Chapel to 20 wins and a berth in the state playoffs for only the second time in school history.

"My goal at Zion Chapel was to change priorities in baseball," stated Donaldson, "and that has helped us turn things around. The year before I took over as head coach, the baseball team only played a total of 12 games. My first year as head coach we played 24 games and the next year we played 20 games, despite having several games rained out. This season we played over 30 games and won the area title and hosted and won in the opening round of the state playoffs. Priorities have

Elba Tiger basketball camp set for June 7-10 for ages 8-14

The Elba Boys Basketball Camp will be held on June 7-10 at the Elba High School gym, with all players ages 8-14 invited to attend.

Registration is \$30 and will be taken the opening day of the camp between the hours of 8-9 a.m.

Faulkner University to host three baseball camps this summer

Brent Barker, Baseball coach at Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL, has announced three summer camps sessions which present opportunities for baseball players to showcase their talents, as well as to improve their skills.

The first two sessions are designed for High School and Junior College graduates. Session One begins with check in at 6:00 PM on June 4, 2004. Session Two begins with check in at 6:00 PM on June 18, 2004. Player testing will be from 7:00-10:00 on the Friday night of each session. The Saturday of each session will be comprised of Player Games. The cost for these two sessions is \$30 for those staying in the Dorms, and \$20 for commuters.

For more information contact Coach Brent Barker at (334)386-7318, or email him at bbarker@faulkner.edu.

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was named the "Coach of the Year" by The Montgomery Advertiser in 2002, and has coached in the AISA All-Star game the past four years. In his first year as the head coach at South Montgomery County Academy, Rials inherited only four players back from the previous season and the team struggled at an 0-9 record. However, S.M.C.A. rebounded to post an 8-3 record the next season and over the next four years Rials led his team to two state runner-up finishes and to 45 wins over a five-year span. During his career at S.M.C.A., Rials also served as the head boys basketball coach for six years, head girls basketball coach for three years, head baseball coach for six years, head track coach for three years, and athletic director for five years.

"The biggest difference between athletics in private school versus public school is that in the public schools the teams have more depth," added Rials, "but there is nothing we can do about it now and we will just have to work harder during the summer to get ready and evaluate the players that are coming back. There were years at South Montgomery when we didn't hold spring practice due to a lack of time, and I discovered you can learn a lot about your

team and your players in June and July in the weight room and on the practice field. We will work hard to build our team and build team pride and team unity in the summer when we all work together, and I am looking forward to being an Elba Tiger."

Supt. Danny Weeks was excited about making the announcement that Rials had accepted the position and said, "In one letter of reference from a member of the faculty at South Montgomery it was stated that Coach Rials could be described as a true leader because he led by example and not just word. The teacher also wrote that he stressed the academic realm and encouraged development of morals and values in the classroom as well as on the athletic field."

Elba High principal Johnny Dunn echoed those sentiments and said, "Every person I have talked with said Coach Rials is a class act and is a workaholic and a disciplinarian. He believes in being fair, firm and consistent, and is looking forward to being a part of the community."

Elba City Pool offers fun for entire family as summer heats up

The Elba City Pool is now open for the summer and area residents are encouraged to take advantage of one of the state's largest public pools to help cool off this summer.

The pool is closed on Monday, but is open from 12 Noon until 6 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and 12 Noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$1 for swimmers ages 12 and under and \$2 for swimmers over age 12.

This summer the pool will open for "Family Night" on Wednesday night, with children admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. This special night of fun will begin at 6:30 and close at 9 p.m.

Beginner swimming lessons will be taught on June 7-11 by the Red Cross Certified Lifeguards at the City Pool, and the cost is only \$15 per child. The lessons will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon daily.

For more information call the pool at 897-0555, or the Elba Recreation Center at 897-6833.

At South Alabama Speedway

It was "Vintage" Kevin Peel in winners circle after feature win

By Mark Chisum

Kevin Peel has won numerous features in the Modified class at South Alabama Speedway over the past several years. Saturday night, he strapped into a Vintage Car, and looked right at home, winning the Vintage Feature.

Peel took the lead at the start of the race and never looked back. With serious racing was behind him, Peel was able to pull away from the pack. Ted Shores moved past Duane Bates for second on lap five, but couldn't turn Peel down. Shores' last chance came after a lap 22 caution which brought the field together. On the restart, however, Peel pulled away and went on to take the win. Shores crossed the line second with Chris Bayhi third. Bates finished fourth followed by Phillip Grissoli.

Scotty Anderson picked up another Super Stock Feature win. Ken Pettis took the early lead while Anderson moved up from the back. Anderson got past Jody Henderson to move into third on lap five. Henderson followed Anderson to the front, moving to the inside of Pettis on lap 17. Henderson looked for a way around Anderson, but Anderson was able to hold him off for win. Greg Rabren finished third, followed by Jerry Weatherington, and Pettis.

Scott Morse took the lead on the second lap and held off Derek Deese to take the Street Stock win. Harold Hurt took the lead on the first lap. Morse and Deese quickly moved from the rear of the field. Once out front, Morse just had to keep Deese behind him. Deese looked for a way past Morse, but Morse was able to hold off any challenge. Tim Hudson and Chad Roberts came across the line third and fourth. Charles Cotton was fifth.

Jerry Hudson continued his winning ways in the Roadrunner Feature.

Super Stock
1. Scotty Anderson
2. Jody Henderson
3. Greg Rabren
4. Jerry Weatherington
5. Ken Pettis

Vintage
1. Kevin Peel
2. Ted Shores
3. Chris Bayhi
4. Duane Bates
5. Phillip Grissoli

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1. Scott Morse
2. Derek Deese
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* **Gamecocks 9 ZC Gray 6** - The Gamecocks rallied from an early deficit to down the Zion Chapel Gray 9-6, in Dixie Boys Baseball action. The Gray

Minor Baseball action. The top of the first inning, but the Gamecocks rallied to move ahead 5-4 in the second and pulled away to claim the win. Harry Shane Adkinson hit a home run, added two doubles and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Daniel Kelley added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Corey Parker had 2 hits and scored 1 run. Demetrius Ship and Josh

both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Zach Stephenson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gray, while Matt Brinson added 1 hit.

* **ZC Red 13 Elba 12** - The Zion Chapel Red pulled ahead, but then had to rally in its final at-bat to slip past Elba 13-12, in Dixie Boys Baseball action. The Reds jumped out to a big 8-1 lead in the second inning and appeared headed for an easy win, but watched as Elba rallied and pulled even at 12-12 in the top of the fifth, and had to score the winning run in the bottom of the fifth. Chase Perkins had 3 hits and scored 2 runs and the Reds, while John Wayne Lambert added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Gage Nalley added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Jeremy Sneed added 2 hits and scored 1 hit and Elban Mount had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Bradley Wilson had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba, while Will Gray added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Don Rhoades added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Jamison Baker added 2 hits.

* **Elba 16 ZC Gray 0** - Elba scored early and often to roll past the Zion Chapel Gray 16-0, in Dixie Boys Baseball action. Elba scored 5 runs in the opening inning to grab an early lead and never looked back to claim the big win. Bradley Wilson had 4 hits, including a home-run, and scored 4 runs to lead Elba, while Rick Chadwick added 3 hits, including a home-run, and scored 3 runs. Will Gray added 2 hits and scored 3 runs for Elba, while Don Rhoades and A.J. Johnson both had 2 hits and

scored 2 runs and Aaron Drewery added 2 hits. Joe Davis had 2 hits for the Gray and Steven Petty added 1 hit.

* **Giants 8 Phillies 5** - The Giants staged a late rally to get past the Phillies 8-5, in Dixie Minor Baseball action. The Tripp Jenkins had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Blue, while Tyler Bowers added 2 hits and Ethan Simmons added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Brantson Bowers and Jordan Williams both had 1 hit for the Mets, while Seth Hanchey and Ashton Sem both scored 1 run.

* **A's 3 Zion Chapel 2** - The A's pushed across two runs in their final at-bat to claim an exciting 3-2 win over Zion Chapel, in Dixie Youth Baseball action. The A's trailed 2-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, but scored one run in the fifth and two in the sixth to pull out the 3-2 win. Kyle Pope had 2 hits and pitched a complete game 5-hitter with 13 strikeouts to lead the A's, while Devin Jackson added 1 hit and Janzen Flowers, Michael Spurlin and Chance Gossby all scored 1 run. Taylor Stevens hit a home run to lead Zion Chapel, while Garrett Stinson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Josh Dees, Zach Senn and Tanner Grant all added 1 hit.

* **Dodgers 14 Braves 11** - The Dodgers outscored the Braves 14-11, in Machine-Pitch Baseball action. Garrett Smith and Ty Stewart both scored 3 runs to lead the Dodgers, while Matthew Marler and Stone Collins scored 2 runs apiece and Tanner Hudson and Peyton Wilkerson both scored 1 run. Kenneth Neil Amison scored 3 runs for the Braves, while Clarence Johnson, Justin Pope and Sean Smith all scored 2 runs and Malik Kelley scored 1 run.

* **Dodgers 15 Cardinals 8** - The Dodgers outscored the Cardinals 15-8, in Machine-Pitch baseball action. Matt Marler and Cobe Gossby both scored 3 runs to lead the Dodgers, while Tanner Hudson, Peyton Wilkerson, Stone Collins and Garrett Smith all scored 2 runs and Logan Bailey scored 1 run and Justin Malloy, D.J. McKee and Jonathan Farmer all added 1 hit. Chase Gilmore had 1 hit, scored 1 run and knocked in both Samson runs with a two-run homer, while Brandon Jale Carr and Jake Blackmon and Zack Day all added 1 hit.

* **Samson Blue 3 Mets 2** - The Samson Blue pulled ahead early and held on to post a 3-2 win over the Mets, in Dixie Minor action. The Blue owned a 3-1 lead after three innings and survived a late Mets rally to hold on and claim the win. Tripp Jenkins had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Blue, while Tyler Bowers added 2 hits and Ethan Simmons added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Brantson Bowers and Jordan Williams both had 1 hit for the Mets, while Seth Hanchey and Ashton Sem both scored 1 run.

* **Kinston 11 Blaze 4** - Kinston pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to down the Blaze 11-4, in Dixie Ponytails Softball action. The Ponies were tied at 1-1 after two innings, but Kinston scored 6 runs in the fourth inning to pull ahead and roll to the big win. Sarah Mock had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Megan Mock added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Cassandra Dean scored 2 runs. Dana Calhoun scored 2 runs to lead the Blaze, while Cortnee Driggers and Daniqua Horstead scored 1 run, each.

* **Kinston 11 Tigers 0** - Kinston made it look easy in claiming an 11-0 win over the Tigers, in Dixie Ponytails Softball action. Kinston scored 3 runs in the top of the first inning to grab the lead and rolled to the win. Bethany Holley had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Sarah Mock and Holly Kilcrease both scored 2 runs.

* **Jammers 15 Tigers 0** - The Jammers jumped out to a big early lead and rolled to a 15-0 win over the Tigers, in Dixie Angels Softball action. The Jammers scored 7 runs in the bottom of the first inning to take command and never looked back to claim the big win. Bethany Holley had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Jammers, while Molly McGuire added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Aaliyah Horstead, Jacquetta Whitfield and Brianna Jackson all scored 2 runs.

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The undersigned, IB Property Holdings, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division) during the legal hours of sale, on June 24, 2004, the following real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



SEVERAL MEN WERE ELECTED to serve on the Alabama Angus Association board of directors and are pictured at the 2004 Alabama Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, April 16 in Cullman, Ala. Seated from left includes Jay Evers, Birmingham, AL, president; Timothy Hopkins, Ashford, AL, 1st vice president; Dave Picken, Huntsville, AL, 2nd vice president; John Harrell, Opelika, AL, treasurer; Mike McGuire, Waverly, AL, executive secretary; and Joey King, Nauvoo, AL, past president. Directors, standing from left, include Michael McCart, Elba, AL, Bruce Randall, Opelika, AL, Timman Griggs, Gurley, AL, Billy Stephenson, Higdon, AL, Randy Crowell, Elrod, AL, Rob Adams, Union Springs, AL, Mahlon Richburg, Auburn, AL, Bill Wheeler, Flat Rock, AL, Scott Bonds, Guntersville, AL, Thomas Maples, Elmont, AL, and Philip Paramore, Notasulga, AL. (Photo by American Angus Association)

Enterprise-Ozark Community College announces Honor Rolls

Enterprise-Ozark Community College (EOCC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the spring semester honor rolls.

Full-time, undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester are recognized on the Chancellor's List.

This list is the university's highest honor roll.

The full-time students who earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on the 4.0 scale are recognized on the Provost's List.

Troy University offers associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the fields of fine arts, communication, business, education, sciences and the humanities, applied science, nursing and allied health sciences.

Troy is the main campus of the Troy University system. The system maintains degree programs at more than 50 sites in 17 states and 11 foreign countries. It serves more than 24,000 students.

Chancellor's List
ELBA: Bethany Day, Sheena Flowers, Heather Hays and Linda Sanders.
KINSTON: Hollie Odum and Sabrina Pland.
NEW BROCKTON: Ashley Morrow.
Provost's List
ELBA: Gunter Akridge, Jacob Cowen and Carey Holloway.
JACK: Catherine Rogers.
NEW BROCKTON: Jeremy Wise.

The National Security Group, Inc. announces share results

Results for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, were reported as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Three Months Ended March 31, 2003
Premium Income	\$13,795,000	\$9,927,000
Rental Revenue	\$374,000	\$258,000
Investment Income	\$1,059,000	\$1,059,000
Realized Investment Gains	\$387,000	\$66,000
Other Income	\$345,000	\$368,000
Total Revenues	\$15,959,000	\$11,678,000
Net Income	\$1,053,000	\$770,000
Net Income Per Share	\$0.43	\$0.31

Healthy Habits for healthy kids

Christina Kirkland, Extension Agent/NPEP

Family. It is a major part of every child's life—and often the most important factor in helping a child make healthy changes. Research from the American Dietetic Association (ADA) shows children are often more willing to eat healthy foods and be active if they see their parents and other family members doing these things first. That is why it is important to get every member of your family involved in healthy eating and physical activity. Here are some tips on how to do this:

- Set healthy, realistic goals. When you make changes step-by-step and set goals that are realistic, you are far more likely to succeed in reaching them.
- Make the most of family mealtime. Eating meals together gives you a chance to help your child develop a healthy attitude toward food. It also enables you to serve as a healthy eating role model, ensure that your kids are eating nutritious foods, introduce your family to new foods, establish a regular meal schedule and keep in touch with family members.
- Make sure your child eats a balanced, healthy diet. Every child needs appropriate amounts of calories, proteins, minerals and vitamins to grow. The best way to make sure that kids get what they need is to provide a variety of nutritious foods that are low in fat and sugar. The Food Guide Pyramid is a general guide for a balanced diet.
- Get active! As with healthy eating, kids are more likely to want to be active when other family members are active too. Find ways to build physical activity-step-by-step into your family routine.
- Here are some tips from the ADA to help your child make healthy food choices when eating: Breakfast—

Governor to commemorate 60th anniversary of the allied invasion of Normandy

On June 5, 2004, Governor

SCHOOLS



Hannah Martin was named recipient of the Southeast Insurance and Realty scholarship.



Ben Dye was named the recipient of the Adam Waddell Memorial Scholarship.



Derrick Thomas, Mary Katherine Head, Anna Anderson, and Ben Dye were named recipients of the Elba Rotary Club scholarship.



Katie Driggers, Jessica Danford, Katie Dyess and Michelle Weston were recognized for completion of their Band Honor Cord.



Students involved in the welding program at Elba High School recently constructed an iron fence around the birthplace of former governor Jim Folsom. The home is located next to the old Coffee County Jail in Elba, and plans are underway to develop a botanical garden around it. Plans also include renovating the home to create a museum out of the late governor's birthplace. Several students are shown above completing tasks such as welding, painting and landscaping. Many local organizations are involved with this project. The welding students are taught by Bruce Sasser.

Elba High School's Class of 1954 planning golden anniversary reunion

The Elba High School graduation class of 1954 is preparing for its golden anniversary reunion and needs help. The class can not locate Neila Merle Stevens Keith, whose last known location was in Milton, Fla.; and Robert G. Jennigan, whose last known location was in Wichita, Kan. Please call Nina Carpenter at 393-1868 or Myra Kelley at 897-6353 if you know how to get in touch with these classmates. The biggest and best reunion will not be complete without their participation.

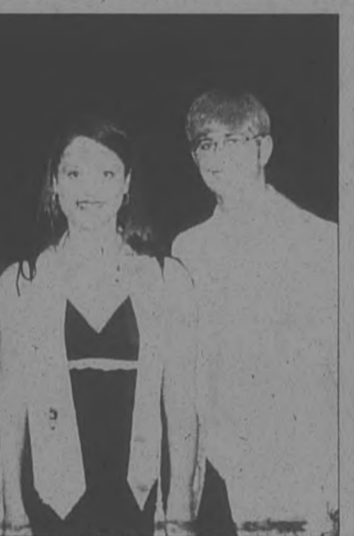


Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Christy Eubanks



Aiyonna Procter and Ralston Moore were recognized at Honor's Day for receiving the U.S. Army Scholar/Athlete award.



Leanna Sutley was named recipient of the Southern Country Realty scholarship.



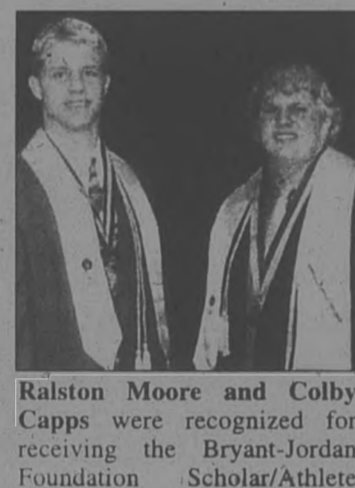
Michelle Carpenter, Kaci Grantham and Anna Anderson were recognized for being named members of the 2004 Danceline for the Sound of the South Marching Band at Troy University.



Natasha Brooks, Derrick Thomas, Michelle Carpenter, Colby Capps, Kaci Grantham and Benjamin Dye were named recipients of the Troy State University Alumni - Elba Chapter scholarship.



Mary Katherine Head was recognized as a finalist of the Coca-Cola "Share the Dream" Essay Contest.



Ralston Moore and Colby Capps were recognized for receiving the Bryant-Jordan Foundation Scholar/Athlete Award.



Hannah Martin and Derrick Thomas were recognized as 2003 Boys and Girls State participants.



Alex Allen, Blake Brunson and Colby Capps were recognized as Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Nominees from the 2003 Farm City Outstanding Youth Awards for Coffee County.



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Miller Memorial Stadium Tuesday, June 15, 2004 6:30 Gates Open 7:30 Concert

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New Brockton sixth graders graduate D.A.R.E. program

New Brockton Elementary School held its annual D.A.R.E. graduation last Wednesday, May 26, in the school's gym.

Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy Kent Reynolds serves as the D.A.R.E. instructor for the Coffee County Schools, and he told those in attendance last Wednesday that he has enjoyed teaching the students.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates also attended the event, and he encouraged each of the students to continue their commitment to a drug free life.

Guest speaker for the event was District Attorney Gary McAlley.

Congrats to ALL the Grads!



SPIRIT STICK AWARD. Mrs. Dana Padgett's class was honored with the Spirit Stick Award from officer Kent Reynolds. This award was given based on overall class participation throughout the year.



ESSAY WINNERS. The sixth grade D.A.R.E. students wrote essays explaining the various things they learned through the program. During last week's D.A.R.E. graduation, essay winners were recognized for their work. An essay winner was chosen from each of the three sixth grade classes at N.B.E.S. The winners included: Justina McNeal, Mrs. English's class; Kelly Wood, Mr. Fuller's class; and Joshua Stanton (not pictured), Mrs. Padgett's class.

Covington Electric Cooperative annual meeting draws more than 4,400 people

A beautiful spring day, free prizes and entertainment as well as an interest in co-op business, brought more than 4,400 people to the annual Covington Electric Cooperative membership meeting on Thursday, April 1, at the Andalusia Kiwanis Community Center.

The Good News Quartet of Opp and the Greenes of North Carolina provided the evening's entertainment with special varieties of gospel music. Business highlights included the election of two members to the CEC board of trustees, reports on CEC's operations in 2003, and information about member services and community support provided by CEC.

Willie B. Smith of Brantley was re-elected, and Hefflin Smith of Kinston was re-elected, to three-year terms on the CEC board of trustees, representing Districts III and VI respectively.

R. R. "Bud" Johnson, who is CEC's board chairman, presided over the business session of the meeting. Highlighting CEC's 2003 business operations, Johnson announced sales of more than 345 million kilowatt hours for the year, with 21,344 meters being served and more than \$990,000 being paid in taxes. He said more than \$2.7 million was invested in system improvement work during 2003, and about 759 miles of power line rights-of-way were cleared last year.

CEC General Manager Ed Short recognized distinguished visitors and special events that occur with CEC employees.

Short updated members on the energy bill stating that Congress is still considering this important piece of legislation. He also mentioned the issue of deregulation of the electric utility industry. "No one knows the eventual outcome of the deregulation efforts," said Ed Short. "What we do know is that deregulation has not worked well in California, and we will continue to monitor this topic and keep our members informed," he added.

Community involvement is a priority at CEC and Short discussed the different programs supported by the cooperative. "The CEC board is a strong supporter of education, economic development and safety," said Short. "We continue to work with the schools in our area by providing curriculum for Manners of the Heart and Building Strong Character For A Lifetime to participating schools. We continue to provide safety education to schools and employees. Efforts to provide jobs through economic development are continuing and with

your support, we will continue with all of these efforts to benefit you and our service area," he added.

After the business session, a 1996 Ford Explorer and over 40 other attendance prizes were awarded. CEC members registering at the meeting received a free special anniversary insulated bottle, canvas tote bag, magnetic memo holder, key ring and other useful gifts.

The 1996 Ford Explorer XL was awarded to Rose Phillips of Red Level, as the major attendance prize.

Gov. Riley to commemorate 60th anniversary of Normandy invasion

Assistance is needed in locating our Alabama D-Day Veterans. If you are or know an Alabama D-Day Veteran please call the governor's office at (334) 242-7100 for details.

Gov. Riley will honor our Alabama D-Day Veterans and their families on June 5, 2004 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Birmingham, AL.

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Notice:

PERSONS REPRESENTING COFFEE COUNTY EMS INC. are presently contacting area residents served by CCEMS on behalf of this non-profit organization. These individuals will be going throughout the county and will have a letter and name tags signed by CCEMS Inc. officials that will explain the purpose of this program. Any questions concerning this activity, should be directed to one of the officers listed on the letter or by calling Coffee County EMS Inc. CCEMS, Inc. is a non-profit organization that asks for so little...yet is asking so much each time the personnel responds to a call. Therefore, everyone is asked to help as much as possible.

C.C. Lake Under New Management

The Coffee County Lake will re-open under new management beginning Saturday, June 5. Open 6 days a week. The hours are from sun-up to sun-down. Closed on Mondays. Phillip Bryant is the new manager.

Former Elba resident selected as "federal employee of the year" by Montgomery Association of Federal Administrators

Martha J. Crocker, formerly of Elba, Alabama was recently selected as the Montgomery Area Federal Civilian Employee of the Year by the Montgomery Association of Federal Administrators (MAFA). The award selections were announced Wednesday, May 19th at the Maxwell Air Force Base Officer's Club in Montgomery.

MAFA has been in existence for more than 40 years and sponsors two primary events during the year; the Combined Federal Campaign during October and The Federal Employee of the Year Awards Banquet in May during Public Service Recognition Week.

There are more than 12,000 federal employees, assigned to more than 100 federal organizations in the Montgomery, Alabama local area eligible for consideration for this prestigious award.

This year's guest speaker for the event was the Honorable Nancy Worley, Secretary of State for the State of Alabama.

Crocker, a 15-year Federal Government employee, was recognized November 3rd at her Command's annual awards and training conference held in Biloxi, MS as its top civil servant for the year 2003. Selected for her outstanding professional attitude, resourcefulness and initiative, her achievements contributed to the success of the entire command and her enthusiasm and loyal dedication to duty earned her the respect of each and every member in the Navy Recruiting District's 98,000 square mile recruiting area of responsibility.

Ms. Crocker has been nominated for the MAFA award previously in 1993 and 1999. When she accepted the award Ms. Crocker noted that "This was the first time someone from Navy Recruiting District Montgomery has won this award, and winning this year is especially meaningful since the command will be closing in October 2005."

Ms. Crocker hopes to relocate to Enterprise, Alabama to live near family. The MAFA award specifically recognizes individuals who render distinguished, exceptional or meritorious service in the performance of their official duties and in service to their community. The geographical area includes Autauga, Elmore, Lee, Macon and Montgomery counties. Employee attributes reviewed by the judges include

competence on the job, work accomplishments beyond their immediate assignment, efforts toward self-development, participation in employee or office activities, participation in community affairs and any other activities or accomplishments in the public interest.

Other prize winners included: \$50 Cash-James Bess, Kinston; George Foreman Grill-Vivian Kemp, Elba; \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card-Christine Carrett, Elba; Blender-Jose Esquivel, Enterprise; Stereo & CD Clock Radio-Willie McBride, Elba; Tote Bag-Murdie Bell Sams, Brantley; Paint Balls-Scotty McCart, Elba.

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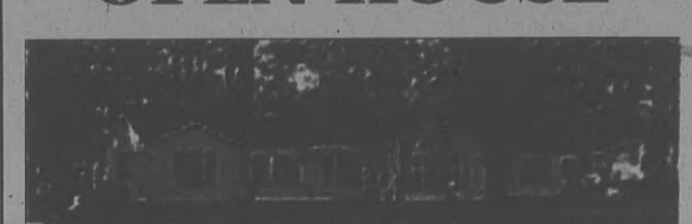
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Coffee County Commission finally settles Mount Pleasant/Ino Senior Center issues

On Wednesday, June 2, the Coffee County Commission completed its recessed meeting from Monday, May 24, and finally agreed to complete the Ino/Mount Pleasant Senior Center project.

The meeting began with an open discussion between commissioners, representatives from the project's architect firm and the contractor. This discussion was held in an attempt to decide whether or not liquidated damages applied.

"Everything is off the table today, and we start on level ground," said commission chairman Robert Stephens as he opened the discussion.

Joey Bradley, a representative of Waid, McNamara - Parrish Architecture Inc., said as the architecture representative for this project, he was to see that the buildings were designed, bid and constructed based on the specifications.

"Everything went pretty well until the final process of getting paid," Bradley said.

He said he went to both sites on Feb. 10 for an inspection and found too many things not finished to consider the job substantially complete.

On Feb. 27, Bradley said he returned to the sites for another inspection. This time he found most of the items complete, therefore, he offered it at substantially complete.

At that point, Bradley said the moving in process began at Ino but not at Mount Pleasant due to an issue with the carpet.

After the carpet was cleaned, Bradley said he recommended the commission grant an 18-day extension to the contract because of weather and no liquidated damages, but the commission rejected that recommendation.

"The contractor (Paul Anderson Builders) has in good effort tried to complete the building," Bradley said. "He has done his part in my view above and beyond the contract requirements."

During last Wednesday's meeting, Bradley said his recommendation remained no liquidated damages.

"Mr. Anderson has done his job," he said. "We can continue to hash this out and go further with it or we can settle it today."

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple has a completely different view regarding the issue, and said the carpet issue was not the only issue by far.

He said the first inspection of the building resulted in the architect finding 78 deficiencies, and when he returned for a second inspection, several items still had not been completed.

"The contractor (Paul Anderson Builders) has in good effort tried to complete the building," said Joey Bradley, the project's architect. "He has done his part in my view above and beyond the contract requirements."

He said the first inspection of the building resulted in the architect finding 78 deficiencies, and when he returned for a second inspection, several items still had not been completed.

Bradley agreed with Dalrymple that there were a lot of items on his first deficiency list, however, he pointed out that he did not consider the building substantially complete at that point. He said the second list had fewer items on it, and those items did not warrant keeping the building from being considered substantially complete.

Stephens said the contractor had made an offer that the commission approve the 18-day extension along with nine days of liquidated damages. He said he felt the commission should consider this offer.

Dalrymple made a motion not to accept it, but his motion died for lack of a second.

Stephens then made a motion to accept the nine days of liquidated damages, sign all the paperwork for the project and divide the money between the Ino and Mount Pleasant centers.

The motion passed by a 5-2 vote with only commissioner Dalrymple and Tom Grimsley opposing.

The nine days of liquidated damages equates to \$250 per day or \$2,250 total.

Frederick Hamilton, a representative from the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning

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Commission, reminded commissioners that a final public hearing will be held before the project is officially considered closed.

Later in the meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners that the overall project is short \$7,803 after the grant funds and county's match funds have been considered. He said he needed some direction from commissioners as to where to get the additional funds.

Dalrymple asked Mobley about interest gained from an additional \$60,000 grant provided to District Four. In which Mobley said the overall interest gain was \$2,131.

Dalrymple made a motion to add this interest to the \$60,000 and deduct the \$7,803 from the \$62,131. He received a second from commissioner Bernest Brooks.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked Dalrymple what he plans to do with the remainder of the money.

After he said the money will be used for various needs at the Mount Pleasant center, Westbrook said a motion was approved in Feb. 2002 indicating the \$60,000 would be used for the construction of the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center building.

"Up until this day, all interest has gone into the general fund," Stephens said. "If we're setting a precedent here, we're going to have a lot of interest coming out of the general fund."

With that said, Stephens offered an amendment to the

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Elba Police cracking down on illegal use of ATV's (4-wheelers)

by Linda Hodge, Editor

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) have become very popular throughout the years, but the illegal usage of those vehicles has forced local police officers to buckle down on riders.

"ATV's (4-wheelers) are for off-road use only," said Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth. "This means fields, woods or private property."

He said ATV's are not made for transportation, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) has not approved them for anything. An owner can not

buy a tag for it which means the vehicle can not be legally put on the road.

So, what exactly is considered as roadway?

According to Whitworth, a roadway is recognized as shoulder to shoulder which means someone riding a 4-wheeler on the side of the road or right-of-way is illegal riding that ATV. A highway is simply the improved portion of the roadway. Therefore, paved and dirt roads fall under the rules of a roadway.

"You can enforce laws on the roadways...not yards or private

property," Whitworth said. "So, when a rider puts a 4-wheeler on the roadway, that becomes an enforcement issue."

Although there are no laws actually governing ATV's, Whitworth said the vehicles are not DOT approved which opens the door for various equipment violations.

Lights, brakes, windshield, turn signals, helmets, seat belt, tag, etc. He also pointed out that the tires on 4-wheelers clearly indicate for off-road use only, and the vehicles do not have a suspension made for roadway use.

"We've had numerous complaints regarding 4-wheelers, but more than anything, it has become a matter of safety," Whitworth said. "4-wheelers are

not made for roadway use and should not be put on the road."

He said his department receives complaints ranging from someone riding a 4-wheeler cutting across another person's yard and riding on the roads to jumping ditches and tearing up the shoulder of the roads.

He also noted reports of 4-wheelers riding on the newly renovated levee, and he said this too is illegal.

Whitworth said the illegal use of 4-wheelers has become a problem, and his department is working to bring it under control. He encourages owners to obey the traffic laws and keep these ATV's off the roadway where they do not belong.

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Area Happenings

A RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC will be held Saturday, June 12, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Other clinics will be held the same day at the New Brockton Farm Center from 9-10:30 a.m.; at Ward's ZC Express (near Zion Chapel School) from 1:30-3 p.m.; and at S&B Petro Station (intersection of Hwy. 134 and Hwy. 87) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Alabama State Law requires all cats and dogs over three months of age to have an annual Rabies vaccination. There will be a fee for the vaccination.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will conduct its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will conduct its regular monthly meeting Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

THE SUNLIGHT YOUTH CHOR will be in concert Tuesday, June 15, at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Elba High School auditorium. There is no admission charge, and everyone is invited to attend.

PERSONS REPRESENTING COFFEE COUNTY EMS INC. are presently conducting a door-to-door survey for CCEMS on behalf of this non-profit organization. These individuals will be going throughout the county and will have a letter and name tags signed by CCEMS Inc. officials that will explain the purpose of this program. Any questions concerning this activity, should be directed to one of the officers listed on the letter or by calling Coffee County EMS Inc.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District recently awarded an Economic Development Enhancement grant to the City of Elba in the amount of \$6,500. Grant dollars are available each year, and the SEAGD board representative for each owner city must apply for funding on an annual basis. Proceeds from this year's grant in Elba will be used to aid in the financing and building of a new water well and storage tank and installation of a sewer line on the southwest side of Elba. The Economic Development Enhancement program is just a small portion of the funds designated by SEAGD to promote industrial development in Southeast Alabama. Over the past three years, the company has dedicated more than \$1,000,000 to economic development in Elba and other member cities of SEAGD.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District is owned by 14 cities: Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Ft. Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

Royce Sighler (right), director of operations for the Western Division of SEAGD, presented the check to Elba Mayor James Grimes. Also present was councilman H.H. "Junior" Culver (left).

Two county races to be decided with June 29th runoff

NOTICE

The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury met in regular session Wednesday, June 2.

The Grand Jury inquired into a total of 45 cases. The Grand Jury handed down 41 indictments, 27 of those being felonies and 14 being misdemeanors.

The Grand Jury returned four no bills, and zero cases were continued for further investigation.

Arrangements for indictments handed down by this Grand Jury are scheduled for Monday, July 12, at the Elba Courthouse.

Two county races to be decided with June 29th runoff

Coffee County voters will return to the polls Tuesday, June 29, to decide the Republican nominee for two separate races. Coffee County District Judge and Coffee County Commission, District Two.

The District Judge race will be decided between Paul Shering and Shannon Clark. The winner in this race will face Democrat John Dowling for the Nov. 2 general election.

The Coffee County Commission, District Two race will find Jessie M. Lewis facing J.L. Weeks. The winner here will face Democrat Joe Green in November's general election.